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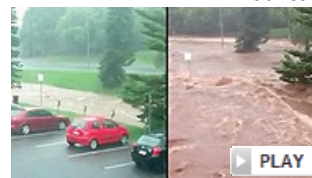
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New role for cancer battler Douglas

Actor Michael Douglas is working towards his new role as flamboyant singer Liberace, days after announcing his cancerous throat tumour has gone. (00:00)

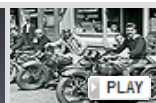
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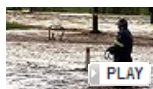
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Douglas: tumour is gone

Michael Douglas says the chances he has beaten cancer are good. 4



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- Livni slams Netanyahu for allowing 'evil wave'
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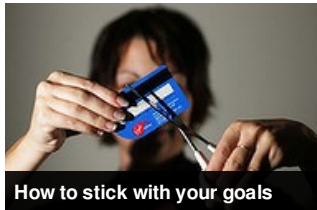
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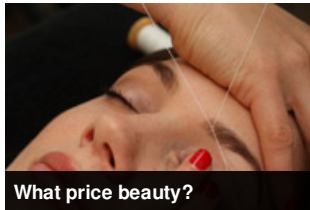
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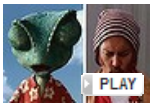
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